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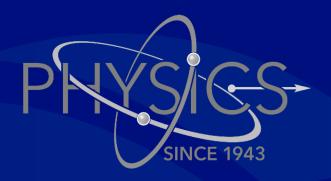
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Background



Context/Timeliness

- See Impact/Strategic Relevance section.
- The detector array intended for use in this proposal will reach maturity at exactly the time of the proposed ²³⁵U measurement.

Knowledge Gap

- $^{235}U(n,3n)$ cross section is poorly known.
- Data capable of yielding the proposed types of cross sections will be available, but the methods of extracting need to be developed.

Innovation

- Applying dual n- γ detection analysis with newly-available CLYC detectors.
- Array of CLYC detectors is currently being developed and built under LDRD project 20210329ER, which will reach the full- or near-full-scale design during the second year of the proposed DR project. This is when the ²³⁵U measurement would occur.
- Fully map the n- γ correlation space from (n,2n) and (n,3n) reactions, which has never been measured before.
- New, independent method of extracting highly-desirable cross sections.

Research Approach



Hypothesis/Science Question

 Can we develop methods to extract (n,2n) and (n,3n) cross sections from dual n-γ data obtained with a newlydeveloped highly-segmented array of CLYC detectors?

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Methods

- Year 1: Leverage 197 Au and 238 U dual n- γ data collected with a mostly-complete CLYC detector array from LDRD project 20210329ER to develop methods to extract (n,2n) and (n,3n) cross sections, and define required experimental parameters for the 235 U measurement
- Year 2: Perform the 235 U measurement with the complete or near-complete CLYC detector array from project 20210329ER, taking experimental considerations from yr. 1 into account, and extract the 235 U(n,3n) cross section.
- Year 3: Perform new evaluation of $^{235}U+n$ cross sections, and assess impact.

Strategic Impact



Pillar

Weapons Systems

Transition Plan

 Following the conclusion of this LDRD project, we will have developed a capability which should be attractive to OES.

Impact/Strategic Relevance to LANL

- The capability to do these types of measurements is important to the weapons community. Details are available on request.
- LA-CP-21-00199, LA-CP-21-00273, LA-CP-21-00292, LA-CP-21-00413, and more.